

...Let's Go

By LARRY MACARAY

The Los Angeles County Museum of Art is slowly gaining an international reputation because of some of the fine exhibitions that have been held there since its opening three years ago. The most recent show was the Chain Soutine retrospective exhibition that I saw this past week.

What a show it was. This presentation, which was the largest Soutine showing ever held in America, was organized by Maurice Tuchman, curator of modern art at the museum. Ninety paintings of the emigrant Lithuanian Jew, whose portraits, landscapes, and still lifes added depth to the European tradition of expressionism in the 1920s were borrowed for this exhibition.

Many of the works, coming to Los Angeles from scores of public and private collections in this country and Europe, have never been available to the public. This show now goes to Israel for exhibition at the Israel Museum, Jerusalem, from May 14 through Aug. 5. Approximately 55 paintings will tour to Israel from this exhibition.

CHAIM SOUTINE was born in 1893 in the village of Smilowichi, Lithuania, the 10th of 11 children of a pitifully poor Jewish mender. Extreme poverty and a compulsive need to visualize emotion through painting combined into the despair-ecstasy that characterizes his work.

Archaic fears and superstitions of Jewish mythology—legends of Golems and dybbuks—haunted the narrow culture of Soutine's childhood, whose commandments against images, graven or painted, were forced upon the young boy. His youth in the shtetl (small East European Jewish community) was remembered by him with bitterness, emotions that animated his work.

Sacrificial rituals in shtetl life were to have profound influence on Soutine's later paintings. His famous images of hanging, played fowl and bloody beef carcasses derive from ritual slaughtering for Jewish ceremonies. Partly in hunger and partly in fixed awe of the mortified flesh, the youthful Soutine was never to forget its effect.

MY VERY favorite painting in the entire exhibition is, "Beef," painted in 1925 and now hangs in the Stedelijk Museum. It no doubt was inspired by Rembrandt's, "Beef

Carcass," painted in 1655, that hangs in the Louvre in Paris. Impressive as Rembrandt's painting is—I have decided that Soutine's is the more exciting, the more poetic painting of the two.

Soutine's early period was influenced by El Greco, Van Gogh, Cezanne and Bonnard. In his later styles the jagged angularities of linear movement yielded to a larger more gracefully curved rhythm. His palette became lighter and more luminous—and this period was my favorite.

Soutine lived through the Nazi occupation of France, and Soutine, as a Jew, was forced to take refuge outside Paris in several small towns. His stomach ulcer became more painful and violent attacks of indigestion became more frequent. In August, 1943, he suffered a severe rupture of the ulcer. He died during the operation Aug. 9, 1943.

Police Nab Robbery Suspect

Torrance police have picked up a suspect in the April 10 armed robbery of Ronn's Liquor, 22216 Palos Verdes Blvd. Arrested late Wednesday night at his home was James Johnson, 25, of 855 Bard St., Hermosa Beach.

Jaycee Teams Plan Basketball Games Saturday

Torrance Jaycees will clash with fellow Jaycees from the Lomita group Saturday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m., in an evening of Donkey Basketball. Members and guests may also watch the Wilmington team challenge the new Carson Jaycee chapter.

The event will be held at South High School, with tickets available to the public at the door.

Obituaries

Laura Allen

Requiem mass for Laura Cecilia Allen of Avalon, Calif., was celebrated at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Avalon yesterday. Rosary was said at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel in Avalon Friday evening.

She was born June 21, 1889, in Connecticut and died last Thursday.

She is survived by a sister, Anna Von Danck.

Marshall Balchin

Funeral services for Marshall Morland Balchin, who died Thursday, will be conducted at 2 p.m. tomorrow in the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Arthur Nagel, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Torrance, officiating.

Mr. Balchin, a painting contractor, was born in Long Beach Jan. 29, 1915, and had lived here all his life. His home was at 22733 S. Main St.

Surviving Mr. Balchin are his widow, Wilma of Tor-

rance; three sons, Gary M. Balchin of Torrance and David Drew Balchin and Robert Whitney Balchin, both of Lomita; three daughters, Nancy Lee Stamy of Lynwood, Sandra R. Watt of Lomita, and Wilma Jean Huston of Torrance; three brothers, Jerry of Lynwood and Bud and Jack of Long Beach; and five grandchildren.

Ralph Davis

Funeral services for Ralph Jones Davis, who died Thursday, will be conducted at 11 a.m. tomorrow at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel with Father Hugh Percy, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, officiating.

Mr. Davis, who lived at 1539 W. 213th St., died at a Harbor City hospital. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born Sept. 3, 1900. He had lived in the Torrance area for more than 27 years.

Surviving Mr. Davis are a son, Ralph C. Davis; a daughter, Dorothy Galley; and one grandchild. Burial will be in Green Hills Memorial Park.



YOUTHFUL THESPIANS ... Shown in a scene from "Heidi" are (from left) Cathy Morrison, Tammy Rizzio, and Gina Moretti, third grade students at Torrance Elementary School. The girls and their classmates produced the play in culmination of their social studies unit on Switzerland. Directing the play were Mrs. Ethel Hofflund, teacher, and Stanley Kalson, student teacher.

...Teens

(Continued from Page A-1) Hermosa Beach, she added.

"WE USED TO believe that when a child ran away, there were definite home problems," the juvenile officer related. "But we're not as inclined to say that anymore." Even those from good, stable homes, she said, may end up wearing beads and bells. Girls especially become intrigued with the hippy movement.

Sergeant Hone injected that the hippie-type is the hardest to catch with, unless the young truant runs afoul of the law. "Once they get into that hippie crowd," he said, "they provide for and shelter each other."

Authorities in Berkeley recently concluded a six-month search of a 15-year-old Torrance girl by flushing her out of her hippie hideaway with a warrant for her arrest. Officer Duval said the teenager left home last September, moving in with a Berkeley student. The girl has been in the hospital for the past month, suffering from the effects of LSD. She may never return to normal life, Officer Duval said.

Narbonne Open House To Welcome Parents

"Getting to Know You" is the theme of this year's open house at Narbonne High School. Parents and teachers will gather at the school for informal meetings Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Coach Manuel Murrieta's Marine League champs will be featured first in the evening's program, presenting a gymnastic demonstration in

Marijuana Arrest Mars Festivities

A carnival at North High School Friday night was marred by a marijuana arrest. An unemployed Torrance youth, John David French, 18, of 4151 W. 182nd St., was picked up in the school's east gym after police observed that he was barely able to stand up.

French was taken to Torrance city jail and booked for being drunk in public. Marijuana charges were added when police found hand-rolled cigarettes and Zig-Zag papers in his possession.

the Boy's Gym. The tennis and volleyball teams will then demonstrate their skills.

Student projects will be exhibited in the art classrooms, and the horticulture department will display floriculture, landscape, plant, and animal husbandry projects. Industrial and machine shops and a typing room will also be open to visitors.

Beginning at 7 p.m., drama students will be performing pantomime and skits. The social studies department will present a model Congress in session, while the foreign language department will demonstrate the Wang Computer, a new teaching aid.

...Dump

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The proposed dump site is located between Crenshaw Boulevard and Madison Street, south of Winlock Road near the Torrance city limit. The property is now zoned for single family residences.

...Downtown Public Schools Week Observances Slated

(Continued from Page A-1) The first general meeting of the association has been scheduled at the Palms Restaurant downtown beginning at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, it was reported by the group's president, Lucius (Bud) Babcock III.

Results of a survey being made by city planner Kenneth Norwood will be presented to an expected crowd of 200 or more persons.

Property owners and businessmen are seeking to chart the future of downtown Torrance on a self-help basis. Babcock said in announcing the May 1 report meeting.

Torrance schools will observe the 49th anniversary of Public Schools Week tomorrow through Friday.

Theme of this year's event is "The Public School—Cornerstone of Liberty."

Highlighting activities in the 41 Torrance public schools will be classroom visitations, PTA meetings, and exhibits of student work.

Areas of the curriculum to be emphasized include: fine arts and practical arts, vocational education, citizenship, economics, and special pro-

grams for gifted students, students with learning problems, and students with reading problems.

The Torrance Masonic Lodge will hold a special Public Schools Week program Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 2326 Cabrillo Ave. Seventy-five members of the Crenshaw Elementary School chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Meredith Anderson, will perform.

Chairman of the program is Keith Weideman of the Torrance Lodge.

...Hospital

(Continued from Page A-1) ant administrator at the hospital, Cooper recently returned from Iran where he operated a hospital.

Construction of a new 250-bed hospital which will replace both the existing Torrance Memorial and the Riviera Community hospitals is expected to begin in about 45 days. Bids for the \$6,850,000 project went out to contractors this week. Opening has been scheduled for May 20, Mrs. Woolley said. The nine-story building at Lomita Boulevard and Hawthorne is expected to take two years to construct.

Selection of an administrator for the new hospital is being considered by the board, Mrs. Woolley said.

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